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OBJECT TO A BASE
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

1. Pursuant to 37 CFR \$1.97 and \$1.98, and in compliance with CFR \$1.56, the Office's attention is directed to the patents, pending applications, publications and other information listed on the attached PTO-1449. Copies of listed foreign patents and other listed publications are enclosed. No copies of the listed U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications are enclosed. Applicant(s) make no

admission that the enclosed documents are prior art to the present invention.

2. Regarding each listed document that is not in the English language, an English-language translation accompanies this Statement as indicated on the attached PTO-1449 or a corresponding U.S. Patent is enclosed or a concise explanation of the relevance of the document is set forth on an attached sheet, or a copy of an English-language search report is attached.
3. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(b) this Statement is being filed (one must be checked):
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 - (b) ☐ Before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.
 - (c) ☒ After the period set forth in 37 CFR §1.97(b) but before the mailing date of either a final action or a notice of allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.
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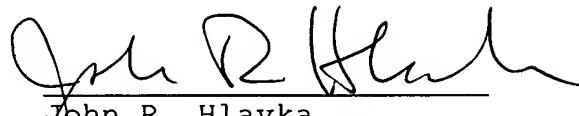
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